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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, line 5, please delete the paragraph claiming the benefit of an earlier filing date and cross-references to other applications under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2) and add the following paragraph as its substitute:

This application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/US99/05908 having international filing date of March 19, 1999, designating the United States of America and published in English, which claims the benefit of priority of International Application No. PCT/US98/19772 having international filing date of September 22, 1998, designating the United States of America and published in English.

REMARKS

By this amendment, the specification claims the benefit of an earlier filing date and cross-references to other applications under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2).

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. If any points remain that can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-given telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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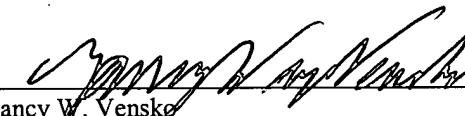
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

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